

**ABSTRACT****TREATMENT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE**

- 5    The present invention provides a method of reducing the pathogen content of sewage sludge comprising (a) adding to the sludge an effective amount of a phosphorous-containing compound and (b) keeping the phosphorous-containing compound in contact with the sludge for a sufficient time to reduce the amount of pathogens present in the sludge by an amount
- 10    equivalent to a logarithmic reduction of 2 or more.